

TRICARE Pharmacy Program Medical Necessity Form for Ketek (telithromycin) and Zmax (azithromycin sustained release suspension)

This form applies to the TRICARE Mail Order Pharmacy (TMOP) and the TRICARE Retail Pharmacy Program (TRRx) and may be found on the TRICARE Pharmacy website at www.tricare.osd.mil/pharmacy/medical-nonformulary.cfm. The medical necessity criteria outlined on this form also apply at Military Treatment Facilities (MTFs). The form must be completed and signed by the prescriber.

- **Formulary macrolide/ketolide antibiotics** on the DoD Uniform Formulary include: **all azithromycin products except for Zmax, clarithromycin, and erythromycin.** Ketek (telithromycin) and Zmax (azithromycin sustained release suspension) are non-formulary, but available to most beneficiaries at a \$22 cost share.
- You do **NOT** need to complete this form in order for non-active duty beneficiaries (spouses, dependents, and retirees) to obtain non-formulary medications at the \$22 non-formulary cost share. The purpose of this form is to provide information that will be used to determine if the use of a non-formulary medication *instead of a formulary medication* is medically necessary. If a non-formulary medication is determined to be medically necessary, non-active duty beneficiaries may obtain it at the \$9 formulary cost share.
- Active duty service members may not fill prescriptions for a non-formulary medication unless it is determined to be medically necessary. There is no cost share for active duty service members at any DoD pharmacy point of service.

MAIL ORDER	If the prescription is to be filled through the TRICARE Mail Order Pharmacy, check here <input type="checkbox"/>	RETAIL	If the prescription is to be filled at a retail network pharmacy, check here <input type="checkbox"/>	MTF	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Non-formulary medications are available at MTFs only if both of the following are true: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The prescription is written by a military provider or, at the discretion of the MTF, a civilian provider to whom the patient was referred by the MTF. ▪ The non-formulary medication is determined to be medically necessary. • Please contact your local MTF for more information. There are no cost shares at MTFs.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The completed form and the prescription may be faxed to 1-877-283-8075 or 1-602-586-3915 OR • The patient may attach the completed form to the prescription and mail it to: Express Scripts, P.O. Box 52150, Phoenix, AZ 85072-9954 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The provider may call: 1-866-684-4488 OR • The completed form may be faxed to 1-866-684-4477 		

There is no expiration date for approved medical necessity determinations.

Step 1 Please complete patient and physician information (Please Print)

Patient Name: _____	Physician Name: _____
Address: _____	Address: _____
Sponsor ID #: _____	Phone #: _____
	Secure Fax #: _____

Step 2 Ketek: Please explain why the patient cannot be treated with any of the formulary alternatives:

2 Please indicate which of the reasons below (1-4) applies to each of the formulary alternatives listed in the table. You **MUST** circle a reason **AND** supply a written clinical explanation specific for **EACH** formulary alternative.

Formulary Alternative	Reason	Clinical Explanation
Azithromycin (except Zmax)	1 2 3 4	
Clarithromycin	1 2 3 4	
Erythromycin	1 2 3 4	

Acceptable clinical reasons for not using a formulary alternative are:

1. The formulary alternative is contraindicated (e.g. due to a hypersensitivity reaction).
2. The patient has experienced significant adverse effects with the formulary alternative.
3. Use of the formulary alternative has resulted in therapeutic failure or is likely to result in therapeutic failure (e.g., due to lack of activity against a particular organism) AND Ketek therapy is appropriate.
4. The patient cannot be treated with a formulary alternative due to recent history of documented multi-drug resistant *S. pneumoniae* AND use of other formulary antibiotics (e.g., fluoroquinolones, high dose aminopenicillins) is not appropriate.

Zmax: Please explain why the patient cannot be treated with a formulary azithromycin product (250 or 500mg tablets or immediate release suspension):

Use of ALL other azithromycin products (250 or 500mg tablets or immediate release suspension) is contraindicated (e.g., hypersensitivity to a dye or other inert ingredient), and treatment with Zmax sustained release suspension is not contraindicated. Please provide a clinical explanation in the space below: ☐

Step 3 I certify the above is correct and accurate to the best of my knowledge. Please sign and date:

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Prescriber Signature

Date